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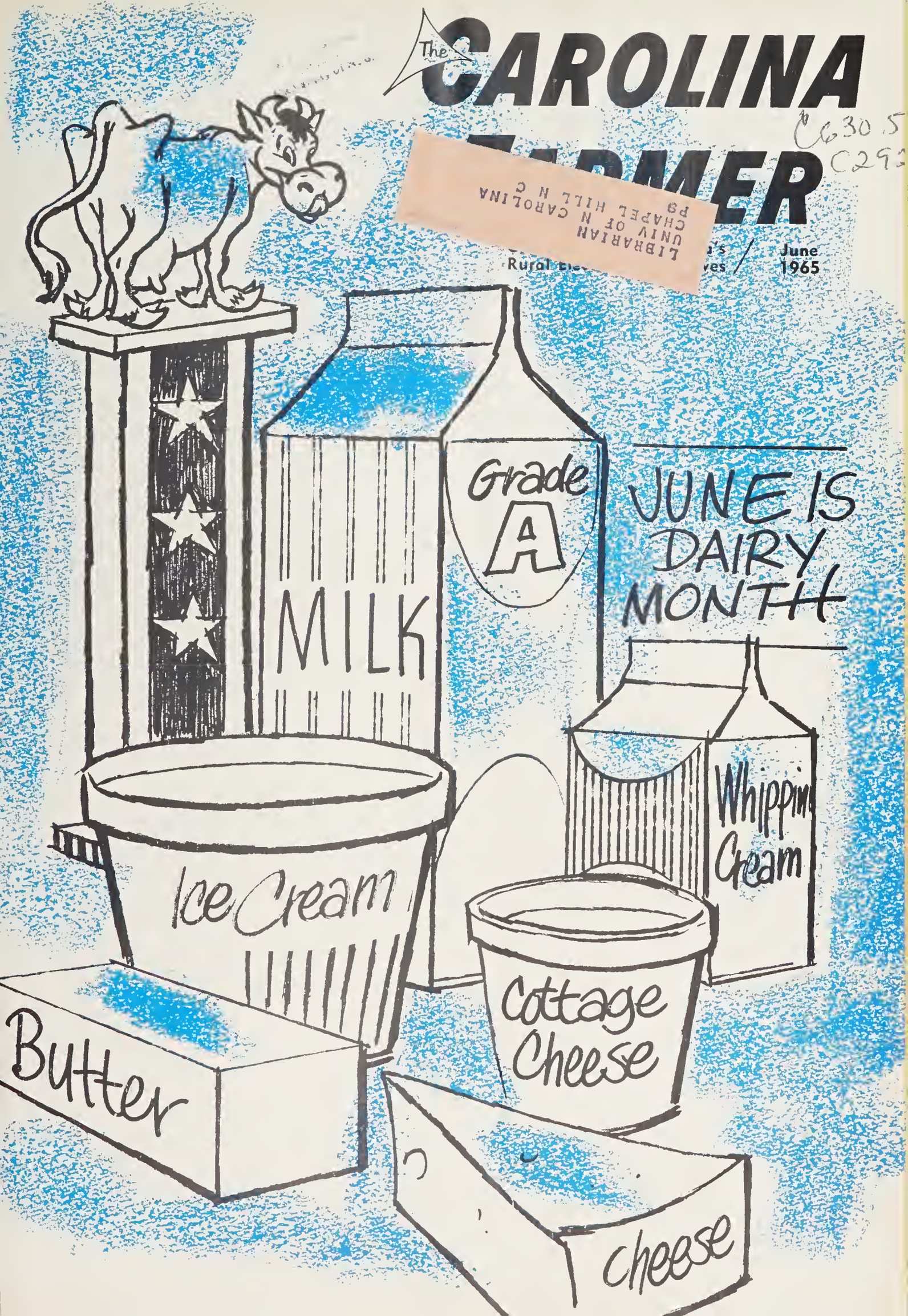

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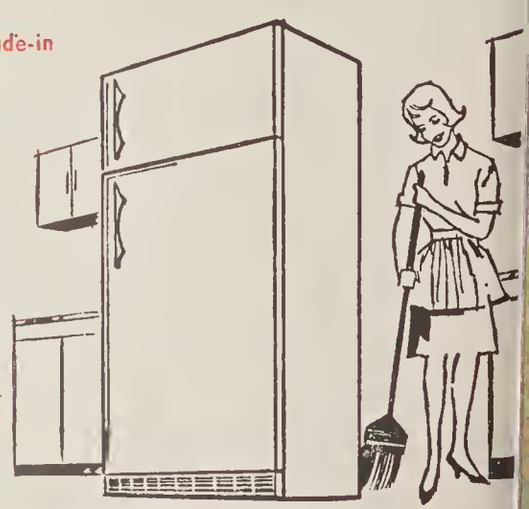

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Low Batting Average

Who said figures are dull? Perhaps the author of this dubious axiom never ran an adding machine for the Bureau of the Budget, a powerful arm of the federal government which apparently seeks eagerly to extend its domain to the realm of policy-making.

The bureau has refused for sometime now to release $57 million of the contingency loan reserve for rural electric cooperatives. Perhaps it is significant that this is the same federal agency which until recently was directed by a man who openly advocated shunting 2.5 million of this nation's farmers off the farm simply because he thought one million could do the job just as well.

Some policy! Some figuring! But the Bureau of the Budget has a powerful voice in our nation's capitol. It must be overruled in this matter by June 30, the end of this fiscal year, or these REA loan funds will revert to the treasury. Already the bureau's decision has caused a backlog of pending loan applications from across the nation. In North Carolina alone, nine cooperatives await action on loan applications totaling more than $5 million. And for now, the progress of the rural electrification program in this state has been significantly impeded.

In the words of one member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congress never intended that the Bureau of the Budget "hold these funds when they are needed to meet the growing needs of the REA Program."

Perhaps this agency finds it fun to fool with figures. But a vital force in the development of rural America is affected by these manipulations and we feel the Bureau of the Budget deserves a goose-egg for its efforts at policy-making.

THE FRONT PORCH *by Dick Pence*

Sorry, Wrong Number

With customary foresight, I moved the week the new phone directories came out. The phone company assured me that having a new number wouldn't hamper the swift completion of any of my calls. Callers would be referred to my new number with dispatch by one of the company's polite, efficient operators.

Things were fine for a while. Then I started getting reports from friends who were having trouble calling me. This called for special investigative tactics. Furtively, I dialed my old number. A lady answered. "Who's speaking?" I asked. She responded by giving me her (my) phone number and hung up when I repeated my question. Undaunted, I called again. This time the receiver was smashed down in response to my query. Evidently she was tired of getting my phone calls.

The next day I decided to take the phone company to task. I picked on an innocent employee in the business office.

"What's the meaning of this?" I complained. "You people promised to refer my calls to my new number. Now you've given my old number to someone who won't answer questions!"

She was flustered, but her smile-school training held up.

"Really, Mr. Pence, you can't expect us to keep referring your calls until a new directory comes out next year." (I did and I can.)

"Why, if we did that, we'd have dozens of numbers tied up for months." (I sympathize, but that's not my concern. Besides, with all-digit dialing, you must have a few spare numbers lying around.)

"Surely anybody calling you and not getting you would check with our information operator." that what you do every time y can't complete a call?)

"Very well, I'll check with supervisor." (That's a start.)

My telephone company repsentative reported back that supervisor certainly sympathi with my plight, but there wa a thing she or anyone else co do about it.

I'm in the process of check that out. Surely in a company big as AT&T there must be so body, somewhere who can something about it. Meanwl I'm on strike. I refuse to dial own long distance calls (who I had to do the company's v for it?).

GERTRUDE *by Ted Trogdon*

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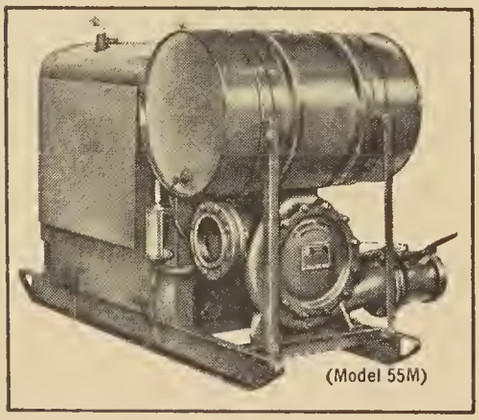

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TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural electric co-op members

By J. C. Brown Jr.

'Where do we go from here?'

SINCE THE enactment into law of the territorial agreement between o co-ops and the power companies, friends ask us the question, "Now th you've settled all of your differences with the power companies, whe do you go from here?"

Of course, the promise that we've settled all of our differences is i accurate. One of our power companies keeps a man in Washington almc full time working against REA, and we shall continue to represent ourselv whether or not it meets with power company approval. What was actua achieved by the enactment of legislation is the establishment for the fi time of the rights and responsibilities of power companies and cooperati in respect to who shall serve the public in what areas.

In the main, we feel that there will be observance of the law withc litigation, but at times there may be disagreement among the utilities a the Utilities Commission as to the application of the law in specific cas Then it will be up to the courts to decide what the law is. The importa thing is that beginning next January, co-ops and power companies will assigned clearly defined territories. The parties have rights of appeal they disagree with the assignment.

The new law will not administer itself, and where we go from here actua depends upon you and your cooperative. The law has within it the ass ance that your cooperative can serve any and all loads in your assig territory, and this will ultimately mean lower rates. But it doesn't au matically accomplish these things. You can expect fair treatment and complishment of your cooperative's service objectives to the extent that remain interested in the formation of public policy and participate in selection of the men who make and administer that policy—and to extent that your cooperative exercises fully all of its rights under the law

The past vigilance of the cooperative membership in North Caro makes us confident that we won't surrender our right to object to injus merely to maintain harmony.

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4-H leaders say thanks

THIS ASSOCIATION continues to get warmly receptive letters from 4-H Adult Leaders who attended a National 4-H Leader Forum in W ington, D. C. We are proud to have been a co-sponsor of this training a with the Production Credit Associations, the 4-H Development Fund the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. All of us owe these 4-H lea a debt for taking their time to become better trained themselves in o to train rural young people.

Thirty Years of Progress

EDITOR'S NOTE: These remarks by Congressman Harold Cooley in the U. S. House of Representatives were made May 11, 1965, on the occasion of the Rural Electrification Administration's 30th birthday. The veteran Fourth District representative is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and thus has played a vital role in shaping the movement to gain the benefits of modern technology for those in the nation's rural areas.

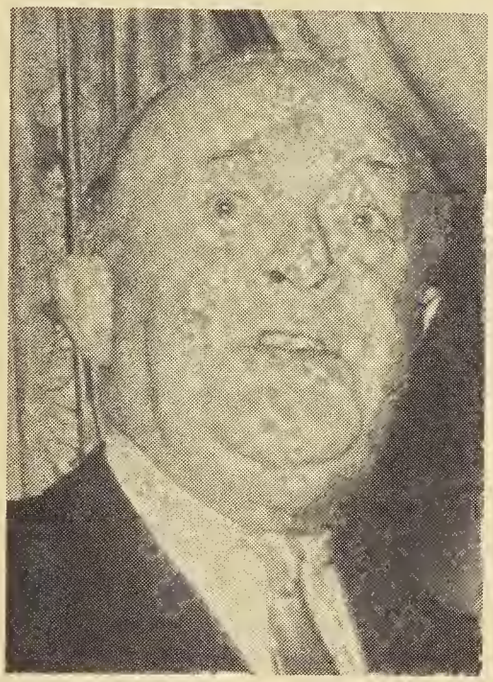
This week we observe the 30th anniversary of the real beginning of rural electrification in America. In this observance, it is fitting that we bring special attention to the role which the Rural Electrification Administration—REA—and electric power play in the changing pattern of American agriculture.

Thirty years ago electricity for light and power and heat was available to people in the cities and towns, providing comforts and creating wealth through industrial production and commerce. On a few farms electricity was a luxury in the first three decades of this century. For a number of farm chores the tractor and the stationary gasoline engine had replaced animal power and human labor, but in most respects there was little evidence of the progress which characterized the cities.

Rural electrification was neglected because it appeared unprofitable. In 1929, only 9.5 percent of the farms in the United States had electric service, and the economic depression of the early 1930's further limited the electric companies' progress into farming areas. In 1935, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration as an emergency relief program, the figure for farms with central station electric service had crept to 10.9 percent.

Today, after 30 years of REA loans and technical assistance in rural electrification, more than 98 percent of our farms are electrified. The lights have been turned on in rural America.

When the rural electric cooperatives in my home state of North Carolina and elsewhere were building their first lines, some cooperative leaders and even REA predicted that the average consumer would use as much as 40 kilowatt-hours per month. In 1964, not yet 30 years after those first lines were built, the average consumer on the lines of REA borrowers used 451 kilowatt-hours per month.



. . . COOLEY . . .

To grasp some idea of the impact which rural electrification has had on agriculture, we may look at farm production. The average farmer in 1935 produced enough for himself and 10 other persons; today that same average farmer—or more likely his son—produces at least enough for himself and 32 other persons. It is no coincidence that in the same years while the rural consumption of electric power showed such a remarkable increase, the individual farmer's production of farm goods also showed a remarkable increase—300 percent.

Certainly no one credits all the increase to rural electrification. We know that soil conservation practices, increased use of fertilizers, insecticides, the tractor,improved breeding methods, new and better roads, better selection of seeds, and a considerable list of other developments in the science and practice of farming all share credit for improvement in yield and quality of farm production. But we also must recognize that electric power was a significant factor, and on this 30th anniversary of REA we should acknowledge the accomplishments of REA under the Rural Electrification Act which Congress passed in 1936, and of the rural electric cooperatives and other borrowers of REA funds for building the lines that carry power to this Nation's farms.

Rural electrification helped make the revolution in agriculture possible. It also offers the solutions for many of the problems arising from the great changes in agriculture that we are witnessing. For about half the farms in the United States, the farm families themselves own the electric systems that have become such important farm tools.

Inequality still contrasts the costs of electricity in the cities with what rural people have to pay. Even with all the progress which has been made, farm families and other consumers on the lines of REA borrowers pay on the average 24 percent more than urban consumers for 250 kilowatt-hours of electric power. For 500 kilowatt-hours, the difference averages 19 percent.

The reasons for this disparity are easy to understand. REA borrowers, serving thinly populated territory, average 3.3 consumers per mile of line. By contrast, the urban based companies average 33.2 per mile of line.

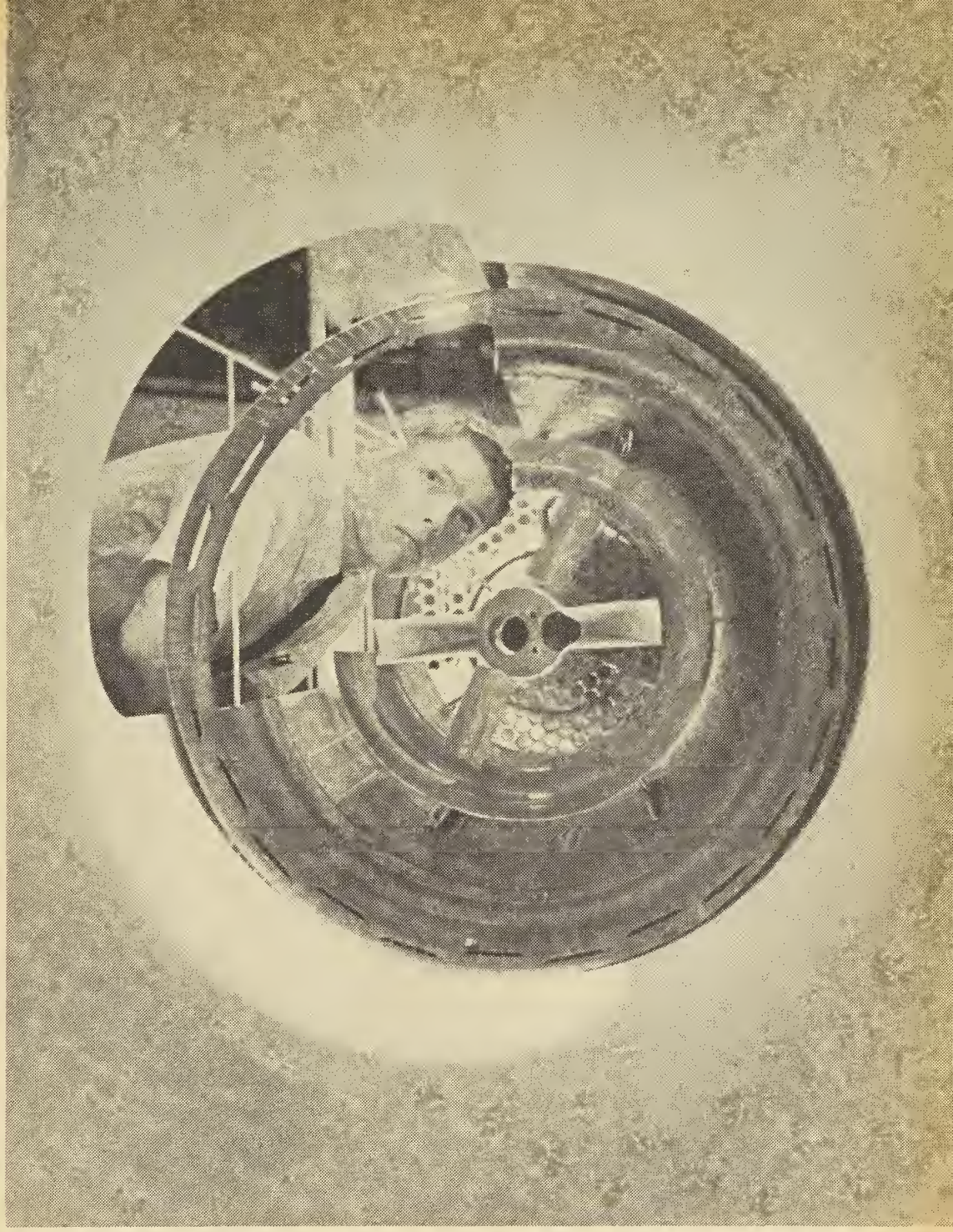
But, we can be thankful on this 30th anniversary of REA that the hard fight is being won, day by day, to pull down the cost of electricity for rural America. On this occasion, I salute the rural electrification movement and all the farm families and others who have brought the blessings of electricity to rural America. ◄

fly me to the moon

To the moon? Kenneth Pipkin of Raleigh seems to be pondering th possibility at the NASA rocket exhibit.

This electric peasheller invented by E. M. Warren saves fingernails and shells peas at the rate of three bushels per hour.

THEY CAME to marvel, not to laugh. It was an incredible show, demonstration of the mind of man at work. Besides who knew? Ther might be another Edison, or Newton or Wright around. Thus the u veiling of North Carolina's first Inventors Congress at William Ne Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The Congress, sponsored by sever agencies of state and federal government, was the largest ever held. was attended by 86,000 persons in three days, May 19-21. Spectato saw the work of 140 inventors. A manufacturer was found for 22 of t inventions including a tree-digger; an electric auto-light dimmi device; and a heat warning device. Perhaps the invention most like to become an instant success is a new golf club every duffer need It replaces hooks and slices with booming tee shots down the midd of the fairway. Incredible? Yes. Impossible? No.



A State student peers into a space capsule exhibited by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Photos by WARREN UZZLE

Upper left: R. H. Sorensen of Sorensen-Christian Industries of Raleigh takes a healthy cut at the plate in a new version of an old game. Lower left: George Elvers Sr. of Tampa, Fla., with a new type fertilizer spreader.

Co-op Members Are 'Toughe

Can the consumer-owners of rural electric cooperatives best determine how to run their system or should the Federal Power Commission come between a co-op and its members in rate-making and other business decisions?

This is a crucial question Congress is being asked to decide during the summer months. The decision will have far-reaching effects.

Participants in the debate are sharply divided. On one side rural electric co-ops are firmly against what they say is unwarranted federal intervention. The FPC stands alone on the other side.

The issue came to a head in mid-April when the Senate Commerce Committee called hearings on bills which would end a two-year crusade to bring electric co-ops under FPC jurisdiction. Present FPC regulation is limited to interstate sales by private gas and electric companies.

Co-op representatives told the Senate committee they are in full accord with FPC regulation of profit-making companies — commended the five-man comm sion for recent decisions in public interest. But there agreement ended.

Why, asked the co-op spok men, should FPC regulate elec co-ops when these systems alre answer to the toughest regulat of all—the consumer-owners? op members, Senators were sured, are aware of power c and service—and if the memb are dissatisfied, the co-op boar directors and manager will h about it in emphatic terms at next annual meeting.

Herein lies a basic differe between investor-owned and co erative electric systems; one m believe the FPC has never f understood.

In private power operati there's no community of inte between stockholders and cons ers—hence the need for fed regulation of rates. But co-op e tricity is quite another thing cause consumers of the ser own the system and require i operate on a nonprofit basis.

This was the essence of a ments used by co-op spokesme urging passage of the bill amend the 1935 Federal Po Act to include electric co among the consumer-owned e ties, such as municipal elec systems, which are specifically clared exempt from FPC ju diction.

Since the Rural Electrifica Administration was not estab ed until one year after passag the Federal Power Act, ele co-ops were not included a the groups declared exempt FPC jurisdiction. This is the reason, one co-op represent said, why rural electric sys were not originally exempted.

But while the co-ops have

By Roland W. Olson
NRECA Statewide Correspondent

The Federal Power ACT of 1935, REA Administrator Norman Clapp says, gave the Federal Power Commission regulatory authority over only those companies operating for profit.

egulators

ear of FPC regulation of rates as uch, there is definite danger that uch regulation could become a de-errent to continued progress in he rural electrification program. Vhat could happen was pointed ut to the committee by REA Ad-inistrator Norman M. Clapp.

FPC jurisdiction, he said, would create a new forum for the use f hostile interests in obstructing ie rural electrification program." he "hostile interests" are pri-arily the private power com-anies which have fought rural ectrification through the years.

According to Clapp, FPC juris-iction would "open the way" for urdening co-ops and REA with ie expense of prolonged hearings id court proceedings.

A representative of electric co-)s in Indiana phrased the prob-m differently. He pointed out at FPC jurisdiction would give)wer companies a legal pathway seek postponements and argue er trivialities.

Expenses for the power compan-s' delays, he said, are paid by stomers and do not come out of ofits. On the other hand, co-op penses for legal talent and trips Washington for hearings would me from money that belongs to e owner-customers.

There is yet another reason why PC jurisdiction over co-ops is mpletely unnecessary, according Clapp. When Congress wrote e Rural Electrification Act of 36, it entrusted to REA "full d adequate responsibilities over e very matters to which the Fed-al Power Commission now seeks assert its jurisdiction and con-l."

If the commission could obtain isdiction over cooperatives, he d, "the cooperatives might find it a particular activity may be ght' from the viewpoint of REA and 'wrong' from the viewpoint of the commission."

Charles R. Robinson Jr., staff engineer and staff counsel for the co-ops, says the proposal backed by Swidler is "patently absurd." NRECA Staff Engineer Robert Marritz (right) assists Robinson in the presentation.

Chairman Joseph C. Swidler of the Federal Power Commission testifies before the Senate Commerce Committee urging that his agency be given jurisdiction over rural electric cooperatives.

The Indiana co-op spokesman, A. D. Mueller, said REA is the "banker" for electric co-ops, and "the banker has every right to insist upon prudent management and strict compliance with loan agreements—and REA quite properly exercises this right."

Charles Robinson Jr., staff engineer and staff counsel for the National Rural Electric Association, was more blunt in his comments to the committee. He said the current FPC attempt to assert jurisdiction over rural electrics is costing a great deal of consumer money and "It is setting one federal agency against another in a wasteful legal battle of bureaucratic supremacy."

Bills to exempt co-ops from jurisdiction now before Congress are sponsored by Senators Milton R. Young (N.D.), Quentin Burdick (N.D.), Mike Monroney (Okla.) and Fred Harris (Okla.) ◄

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If your house has a reasonably open plan, you may want to look into the new window-mounted area air conditioners, which cool several rooms rather than just a single room. The new high-capacity units are designed to spread their cooling over a considerable area, as quietly as a single-room air conditioner. Thus, an air conditioner in the living room might cool the dining room and kitchen; an air conditioner in the master bedroom might cool the hall, bathroom, and an adjoining bedroom or dressing room.

If you have a forced warm air furnace, plus adequate insulation, you may wish to consider central air conditioning, to distribute cool filtered air through the same ducts that supply hot air in the winter.

Whichever kind of air conditioning you decide is right for you and your home, there are certain basic techniques to living with air conditioning. Back in the good old days, Grandmother used to pull down the parlor blinds to keep out the sun before it had a chance to heat up the room. Grandma's theory is still right: Don't let any room get too hot. If the morning weather report says that the day is going to be a sizzler, turn your air conditioner on early in order to be sure of keeping the room as cool as it is in the early morning. Pull down the blinds on the southern and western windows to block out the sun. You'll find the room stays far cooler than if you had waited till midday to turn on your air conditioner.

Grandma had another trick which was to get all the heat making activity out of the way early in the morning. This still makes good sense: Let your washer and dryer do their heavies

ork early, and, if you must turn the oven, finish the baking be- re the day gets too warm.

White awnings and a light roof n do wonders to reflect the sun's are, while dark awnings simply sorb it. On the other hand, a ite patio next to the house will unce heat right up into the use, while a patch of cool, green ass will absorb the heat and re- se a certain amount of cooling isture.

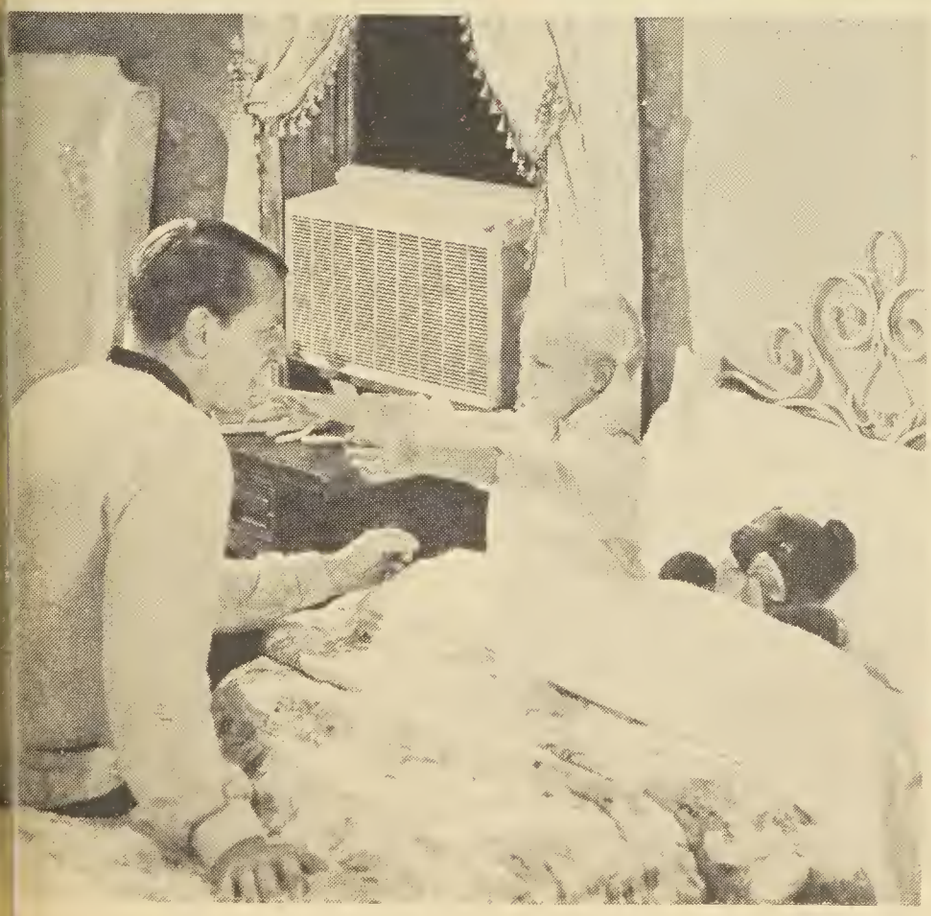
Plan for good shade trees on the th and west to block the sun's s in the summer. Their bare nches will allow the welcome ar heat to come in during the ter.

Keep the air conditioner run- g in bedrooms during the night. ese upstairs rooms often collect t from the roof, and a good ht's sleep is absolutely essen- to survival of heat waves.

Dress comfortably and loosely; lightly; and keep inside where cool. If possible, encourage the dren to participate in some in- e play when the temperature rs—the period of coolness and et will help them through a mertime scorcher.

With good sense and a good air ditioner, there's no reason to ad a coming heat wave. ◄

Above: Cool, dry comfort of air-conditioned rooms makes entertaining on even the hottest days a pleasure for hostess and guests.



Forecast: A Cool Summer With an Electric Air Conditioner

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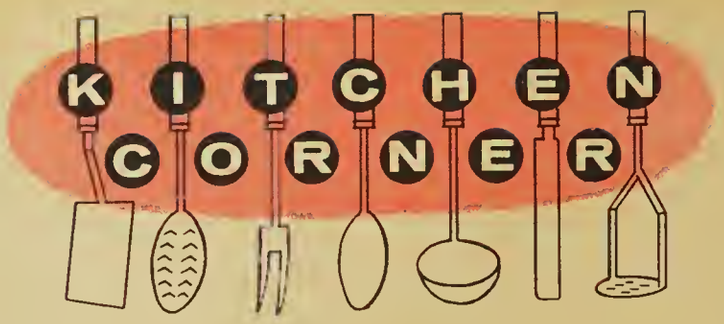

Strawberry Time

Tell you what I like the best—
'Long about knee-deep in June,
Bout the time strawberries melts
On the vine,—some afternoon
Like to jes' git out and rest,
And not work at nothin' else.
—Knee-deep in June

The idea of such a lazy summer afternoon might have appealed to James Whitcomb Riley (who penned those lines), but not to Mrs. Harold Lee Calhoun up in Ashe County.

You see, Mrs. Calhoun has some pretty definite ideas of her own as to just what should be done with strawberries melting on the vine. Long about this time of the year, she's busy plucking them to put into a delicious dessert she calls "Strawberry Jam Cake." You'll find her recipe for this tempting cake below. For an icing, Mrs. Calhoun suggests that you top the cake off with your favorite seven-minute frosting; she says the cake is good with frosting made from either white or brown sugar.

"My family and I live on a farm in Ashe County. We raise only a garden, though. My husband is a night foreman at a local manufacturing company. We have our trailer hooked up with Blue Ridge EMC," writes Mrs. Calhoun. And a trailer full it must be, too, for the Calhouns have three children: Danny (3), Mike (2), and Brenda (3 months).

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: The Carolina Homemaker, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a snapshot of yourself, send it along, too. And don't forget to include something about yourself and your family: the size of your family, what pleases them most at mealtime, the clubs you belong to, the name of your EMC, and anything else you'd like to share with us.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Harold Lee Calhoun
Grayson, N. C.

STRAWBERRY JAM CAKE

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 teaspoons allspice
- ½ cup butter
- 2½ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup strawberry jam

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix sugar and butter together; beat in eggs one at a time till mixed thoroughly. Add soda, baking powder, allspice, and cinnamon. Sift flour. Blend 1¼ cup flour and ½ cup milk. Beat well. Then add remaining ingredients, including remainder of flour and milk, plus strawberry jam.

Pour into three 9-inch layer pans and bake for 30 minutes. Cake may also be baked in a tube pan; if tube pan is used, bake for 1 hour.

Family Fare

by ERMA ANGEVINE

Coordinator of Women's Activities, NRECA

A RECENT VISITOR to my office opened a new, exciting view of what co-op women in other parts of the world are doing. My visitor was Mrs. Etti Widhe from Stockholm, Sweden. She heads the Swedish Cooperative Women's Guild.

More than 26,000 Swedish women belong to 550 local Guilds in 23 districts there. The Guild works closely with all cooperative businesses and also sponsors many study groups and special projects. At the national office, a woman coordinates the work of women leaders in each of the 23 districts. The district leaders work with the local Guilds.

Guild study groups concern themselves with co-op and economic problems and with questions of interest to consumers. Although they are open to all, percent of the participants are women.

The Guild also sponsors several summer school sessions. One is designed to help young women (17-25-year-olds) prepare for problems they'll meet in professional life. In other special courses, women are trained for work in voluntary organizations.

WORKING WITH THREE other women's groups, the Guild helped set up a Home Research Institute. This Institute proved so successful in helping inform both businessmen and homemakers that the government took over the financial responsibility for it and re-named it Consumers' Institute. Its members now protect consumers from abuses by either industry or government.

Women in the Guild started a cancer research fund that now furnishes fellowships to several scientists and doctors. Mrs. Widhe told me this fund drive met with enthusiastic support throughout the country. "One fringe benefit of this drive," she said, "was to watch the amazement of the scientists and doctors learning about a democratic, cooperative movement and the dedication of women who gave time and energy to raise money for cancer research."

IN ANOTHER HUMANITARIAN venture, the Guild, together with nine other women's organizations, developed a relief fund for handicapped housewives. The Cooperative Insurance Company helped get the project started. Women collected enough money to buy a bus and equip it with a demonstration kitchen designed for use by a disabled woman. "This bus has visited all parts of Sweden," Mrs. Widhe said, "helping teach disabled women how to make home life easier. The women set up a fund with the rest of the money they collected to finance research and training for handicapped homemakers."

Another interest of women in the Guild is work with underdeveloped countries. They help the International Training Center at Haifa, Israel, train women from poor countries. The Center is run by the Israeli Department for International Cooperation and the City of Haifa. Three Swedish women's organizations, including the Guild, support the Center with scholarships.

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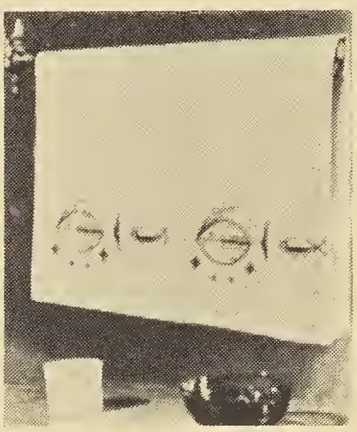

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Teen ROUNDTABLE

Should Student-Teacher Dates Be Allowed in High School?

"I most definitely do not believe that students should be allowed to date teachers in high school. A teacher is supposed to be a mature person who should set examples for his students. Once a teacher dates a student, he has destroyed that image. I think that the teacher's effectiveness in the classroom would be lost. Students would no longer respect a teacher who was considered one of the gang."

Ellen Sebastian
Rt. 1, Box 24
Wilbar, N. C.

Ellen, who is a junior at Wilkes Central High School, writes that she enjoys all sports. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sebastian. Blue Ridge EMC serves Ellen's home with electricity.

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"No, and for several reasons. One is because this type of relationship between a teacher and one of his students is sure to create a certain amount of jealousy among the other members of the class. Another reason is that it may cause parents, teachers and students to lose respect for the teacher. Whenever a teacher shows more interest and concern for one particular student than for all the others, the main purpose of his job—which is to teach all students alike to the best of his ability—will be doubted. And students, as a result, will lose interest in the teacher's classes and the work he assigns."

Mildred Majette
Rt. 1, Box 501
Rich Square, N. C.

A rising senior at W. S. Creecy High School, Mildred is active in a number of school clubs, among them: the glee club, the dramatics club, and both the French and English clubs. She writes that her most recent hobby is photography. Mildred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Majette, who are a member of Roanoke EMC.

"Yes, I believe student-teacher dates should be a lowed in high school. I don't believe it should considered a disgrace when such a situation occu Of course, it would depend mainly upon the two i dividuals involved. If they felt embarrassed, or we made to feel that way by other students and teache maybe the whole thing should be forgetten. But they felt perfectly right about their relationship, shouldn't be stopped. The couple, though, should aware that other students may feel that the teach is prejudiced. Unless the relationship is handl carefully, it could hurt the popularity of both t student and the teacher."

Glenda Hunter
Chinquapin, N.

Glenda is 16 and will be a senior at East Duplin Hi School next fall. Her favorite subject at school Spanish; her hobby is playing the piano. Glend parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Hunter, are a memb of Jones-Onslow EMC.

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"Students and teachers should not be allowed date in high school. A teacher who has been to c lege and received a degree is a more sophisticat person than a high school boy or girl, who is a lit more on the frivolous side. With this in mind, oth students would probably begin to gossip. No dou they would be jealous, too, and as a result wou make untrue accusations. The teacher could be a cused of many things, including giving the stude he's dating better grades. The students would home and tell their parents all the things that we being said. It could be a very messy situation."

Vicky Smitl
Box 684
Liberty, N.

Vicky, who's 14, will be a sophomore at Liberty Hi School next year. She was recently elected ch leader and also treasurer of her school's chapter the Future Homemakers of America. Vicky lives w her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Euliss. Th home is served by Randolph EMC.

NEXT QUESTION

"How long should a boy and girl go together before they start going steady?"

Jimmy King of Rt. 1, Scotland Neck, will soon find a check for $5 in his mailbox for sending in this question. Answers to it will appear in the August issue of THE CAROLINA FARMER. Be sure to look for them! In the meantime, we hope that you will get busy with pen and paper and let us hear from you.

If you have a good answer, send it to THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE, The Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. at once. Send a photo, too, if you have one, (we can't return it) and a few facts about yourself. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you $5.

If you want to submit a question, send it along for our statewide panel to answer. For each question used, the sender will get a $5 check. Jot yours down and send it to us right away.

AROUND THE HOUSE *by Archie Hathcock*

The thought of mouth - watering steaks, hamburgers and chicken over hot coals is enough reason for any family to roll out the barbecue grill.

Along with the flavorful meals you can prepare on these grills, unfortunately, come dangers of burns and gas poisoning. Heed these suggestions when you're using your barbecue grill:

- Use the grill in a well-ventilated area. Grills meant for outdoor use should never be used inside unless there's a flue, allowing deadly carbon monoxide fumes to escape. Never bring the grill into closed quarters during a rainstorm. Even small grills have been known to emit enough carbon monoxide to asphyxiate a roomful of guests.
- Although many people do it, you should never use kerosene, gasoline or lighter fluid to start the fire. The safest bet is an electrical fire starter which carries the UL safety label.
- If you must use one of the liquid fire starters on the market, add the liquid before —**never after**—the fire is ignited. Keep the liquid away from children and never allow them to start the fire.
- Keep children and pets away from the barbecue area. They could burn themselves and turn the grill over onto someone else.

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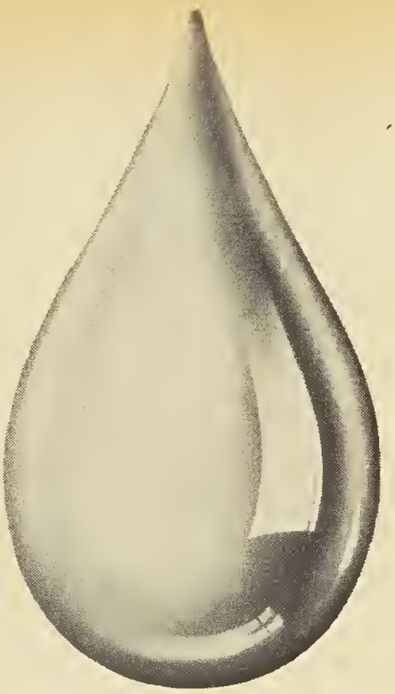

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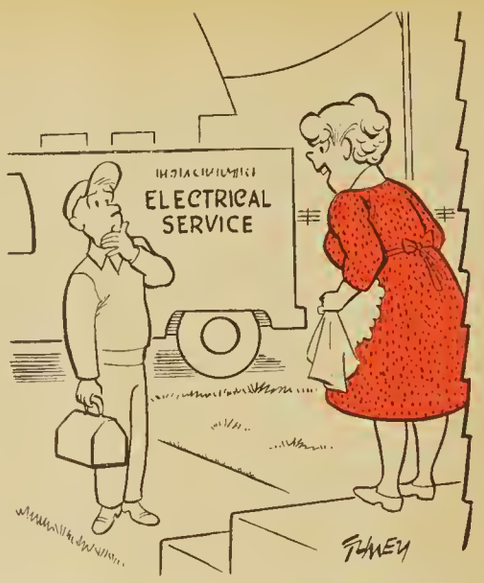

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Shop Talk

A group of pilots and the wives were having dinner, and f several hours the wives sat a listened to accounts of takeof landings, engine failures, near c lisions and collapsed landi gears. Exasperated, one of t wives finally demanded, "Do you fellows get enough shopta when you're with the squadron

"Don't be silly," snapped h husband. "When we're with t squadron, we talk about women

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Fair Play

A music director, well kno for his tact, was awakened o morning at 3 a.m. by the jangli of the telephone. "Please st playing those drums," said irate neighbor.

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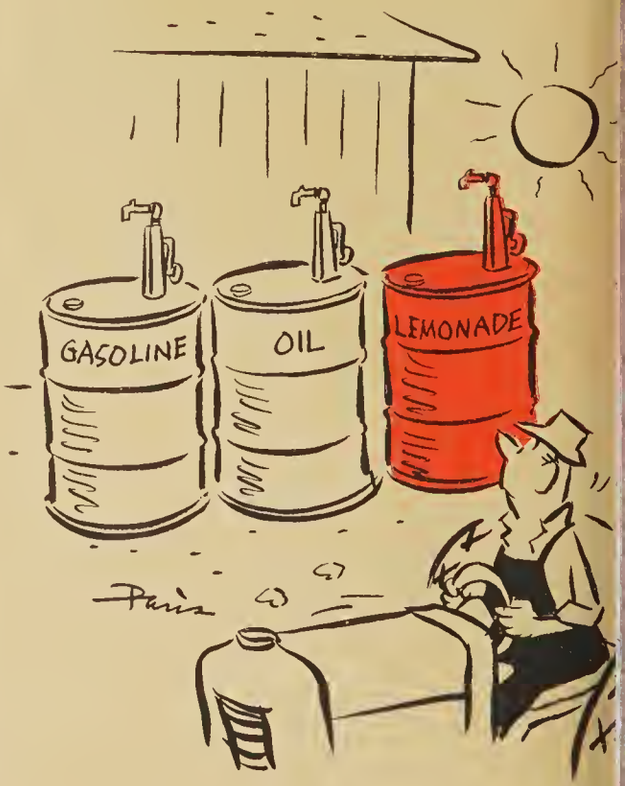
High Dive

When a sailor at a Navy swi ming class refused to dive fro a 30-foot platform, the instruct asked him: "What would you if you were that high on a sin ing ship?"

"Sir," said the student, "I'd wa for it to sink about another feet."

"Harry, guess where I found our lost lawnmower—in the attic behind an old trunk."



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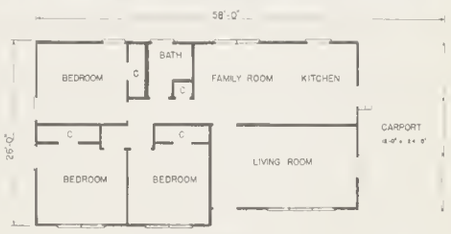

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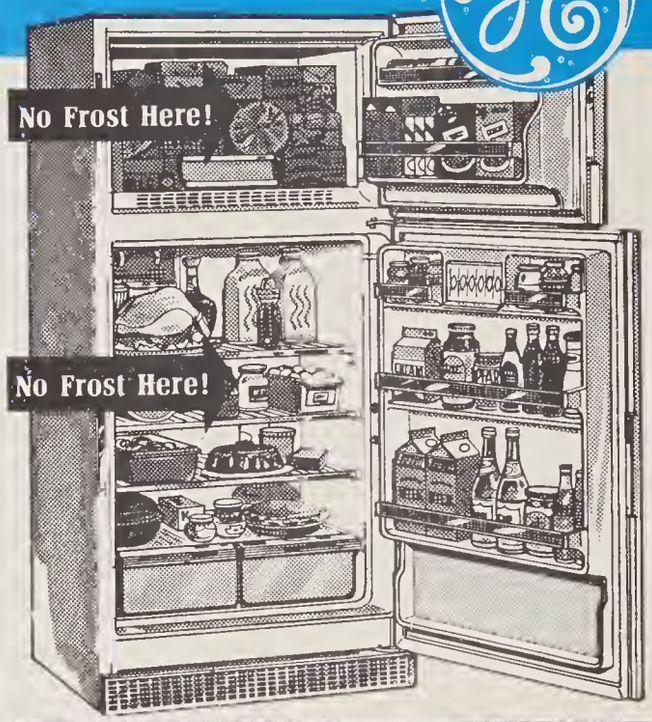

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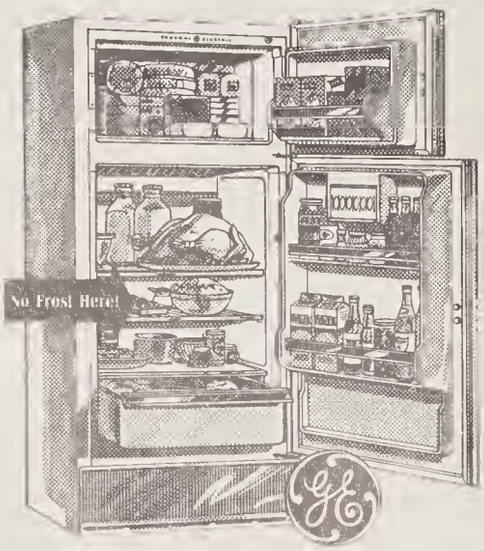

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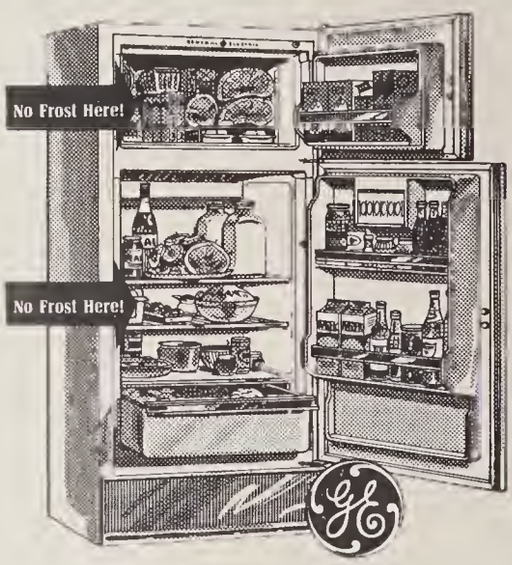

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